

Claims

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1. A graphical user interface for a computer, comprising:
a primary screen;
a predetermined file-container icon displayed on the primary screen; and
one or more file-operation dialog boxes which are accessible by application programs of the computer and which specify a file container associated with the predetermined file-container icon as a default document container for files related to the application programs.
 2. The graphical user interface of claim 1, further comprising a destination menu item associated with a file to permit the file to be moved or copied to the file container associated with the file-container icon.
 3. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the predetermined file-container icon has an associated name "MyDocuments."
 4. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein one or more of the file-operation dialog boxes are associated with a file open or file save operation.
 5. The graphical user interface of claim 1, wherein the computer is running a version of the Microsoft Windows operating system.
 6. A computerized system comprising:
a predetermined file-storage container; and
an operating system which defines the predetermined file-storage container as a default file-storage container on file-operation dialog windows accessible by application programs.
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7. The computerized system of claim 6, further comprising a master file containing global information pertinent to the computer system, such that information regarding a physical storage device to which the predetermine file-storage container relates is stored therein.

8. The computerized system of claim 7, further comprising a shell registry which stores the master file.

9. The computerized system of claim 7, wherein the master file is accessible by a network administrator over a computer network of which the computerized system is a part such that the network administrator is able to change the information regarding the physical storage device over the network.

10. The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the operating system comprises a version of the Microsoft Windows operating system.

11. The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the predetermined file-storage container is named "MyDocuments."

12. A method of operating a computer system including one or more applications, the method comprising:

determining whether one of the applications has specified a folder for storing files related to the one application;

determining whether the one application has redirected file storage from the folder to a current folder; and

determining whether files within the current folder are of one or more particular types; and

setting a default folder different for storing files related to the one application, provided that the computer application has not specified a folder, that the application has not redirected file storage to the current folder, and that no file stored within the

current folder is of the one or more particular types.

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13. A computer comprising:
a processor;
a memory; and,
a computer program executed by the processor from the memory to provide a
predetermined file-storage folder as a default folder on file operation dialog boxes
accessible by application programs.
14. A computer-readable medium having a computer program stored thereon for execution on
a computer to provide a predetermined file-storage folder as a default folder on file operation
dialog boxes accessible by application programs.
15. An operating system comprising one or more file-management modules defined to
provide a default file-storage folder to one or more computer application programs.
16. An operating system comprising a graphical user interface which includes one or more
dialog windows defined to display information identifying a document folder communicated via
the operating system to one or more applications as a default storage folder.
17. An operating system comprising a graphical user interface which includes file open and
save dialog windows defined to display a selection for a document folder promoted via the
operating system as a default storage folder to one or more application programs that access the
file open and save dialog windows.
18. The operating system of claim 17, wherein at least one of the file open and file save
dialog windows includes a link to a desktop of the graphical user interface.

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19. An operating system comprising a graphical user interface which includes a most-recently-used file menu defined to display links to one or more most-recently-used files or to one or more document folders.
20. The operating system of claim 19 wherein the most-recently-used file menu is defined to display a folder icon which depicts an at least partially opened folder containing a document.
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21. An operating system comprising a graphical user interface which includes: a desktop that provides access to a predetermined file-storage container and to one or more application programs; and one or more file-operations windows accessible by application programs, wherein each file-operations window includes a link to the desktop.
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22. In a computer network which includes two or more data-storage devices and at least first and second computer systems, the second having a shell registry and a logical file container associated with one of the data-storage devices, a method of controlling which of the one or more data-storage devices stores files associated with the logical file container, comprising:
 identifying the one of the data-storage devices in the shell registry of the second computer system; and
 changing the shell registry of the second computer system via the computer network to associate the logical file container with another one of data-storage devices.
23. The method of claim 22 wherein changing the shell registry of the second computer system comprises using the first computer system to communicate information identifying the other one of the data-storage devices to the second computer system.
24. The method of claim 22 wherein changing the shell registry occurs in response to logging the second computer system into the computer network.
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